



Town Recreational Shellfish Crier

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Wellfleet Shellfish Department is Propagating the Indian Neck Recreational Only Area Thanks to Generosity of Local Commercial Shellfishermen and Shellfish Farmers

1. In order to help local shellfishermen, the Shellfish Department came up with a plan that was approved by Shellfish Advisory Board and the Selectboard to buy quahogs harvested from the federal channel in Wellfleet's inner harbor before it gets dredged this October. The department is redirecting part of its budget toward paying dragger shellfishermen to harvest these quahogs, which are being redistributed to Chipman's Cove and the Indian Neck Recreational Only Area.

This program will mean that the quahogs are not stranded there before the area gets dredged, and shellfishermen can make some money since so many shellfish markets have collapsed in the wake of restaurant closings because of the COVID-19 health emergency. The Shellfish Department was also approved to use funds from its Revolving Fund for Propagation to pay fishermen because we would rather spend these funds in our own community to help them during this tough time.

2. Some shellfish farmers are finding themselves in a predicament because they have no place to sell their oysters, and they will need to make room for their new seed that is coming. We are fortunate to say that some of them have thought of the Shellfish Department as a place for them to donate their surplus to the benefit of our recreational shellfishing community. Thanks to their generosity, we have just distributed thousands of oysters to the Indian Neck Recreational Only Area. Remember to bring your ring and measure them to make sure they are three inches. Smaller ones will spawn and contribute to your future years' harvests!

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